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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Administrative Law Division/OGC  
Chief, Litigation Division, OGC  
Chief, Logistics & Procurement Law Division/OGC

FROM:

  
Legislation Division  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: H.R. 2497, the Administrative Dispute  
Resolution Act

1. Attached for your information is a copy of H.R. 2497, entitled the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act, which was introduced by Representative Glickman on 25 May 1989. The bill encourages Federal agencies to utilize mediation and other techniques for the resolution of disputes.

2. The bill requires each agency that administers an administrative program to adopt policies addressing the use of alternative means of dispute resolution. The bill primarily amends portions of Title 5, from which it appears that the Agency is exempt. However, the bill also amends the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and the Federal Tort Claims Act so as to allow the use of arbitration. You will note that this language appears to be voluntary rather than obligatory.

3. While it does not appear that this legislation will have any significant impact upon Agency equities, I would appreciate any comments you may have.

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Attachment



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